

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2007 and offer the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

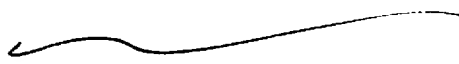
The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 7-12 and 14-18. In addition, the Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim from which it depends. The Applicants have amended claim 3, the base claim from which claim 2 depends, to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Accordingly, claim 3, along with claims 4-6 which depend therefrom, is in a condition for allowance. Nevertheless, the Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application which includes the subject matter of previously pending claim 3 along with arguments distinguishing previously pending claim 3 over the prior art.

The present application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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